

Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2008
(not yet approved)

Present: Mary Carstens, Ron Vick, Marcus Schlichter, Derek Anderson, Bev Buhrman

Absent: Loren Kucera, Kevin Halle, Brook Bredenberg

Guests: Terri Heggemeyer, Lin Brummels, Valerie Knight, Teresa Tiedke, Kay Young, Craig Kinsella

Bev Buhrman called the meeting to order at 2:08.

Minutes: Derek Anderson moved and Ron Vick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion carried.

Treasure's Report: Terri Heggemeyer made the following report: Our current balance is \$352.58. A deposit of \$12.00 was made. Mary Carstens moved to accept the Treasure's report and Derek Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mentoring: Lin Brummels – No mentors were requested in the month of March.

Social: Mary Carstens – Nothing new. Positive comments continue to be made about the pot luck lunch last month.

Recognition: Derek Anderson: Nominations for the fall recognition award for a professional staff are due June 1, 2008. This award will be presented at the annual meeting in August. Dorothy Weber will be recognized this spring at the Faculty/Professional Staff meeting 4/15/08.

Continuing Ed: Kevin Halle: No report

Membership: Loren Kucera: Loren prepared staff lists updates. These were handed out to those present at the meeting.

Hospitality: Dorothy Weber: Dorothy sent in a report indicating that no cards were sent last month.

Policy: Brooke Bredenberg: No Report

Communication: Marcus Schlichter: No Report.

New Business:

1. The Senate reviewed the applications that were submitted and decided to re-open the application process until 4/18/08. All professional staff are invited to submit applications. Applications are available on the G drive and on the Professional Staff Senate website at:
http://wildcat.wsc.edu/professional_staff_senate/
2. Elections are taking place in this week and should be completed by 4/11/08. The slate of candidates is as follows: At Large group: John Kielty and Nick Muir; Athletics group: John Manganaro and Marilyn Yates; Student Services: Terri Heggemeyer and Derek Anderson. Valerie Knight was elected from the Library group.
3. Bev Buhrman reported on the February meeting of Senate Presidents/Chairs with Beth Kruger. The topics discussed were general to the campus and included budget requests, security, name tags, an employee directory with pictures, an employee handbook for everyone, reporting of sick and

vacation leave, printed pay stub issue, Connections training for employees and upcoming move of NATS to the new building.

4. Board Policy 5013: The Senate discussed the proposed Board Policy 5013 which is directed to professional staff who were faculty with tenure. The policy proposes that faculty could lose tenure after four years in a professional staff position. This affects several current professional staff. Mary Carstens moved and Derek Anderson seconded a motion that the Professional Staff Senate is opposed to the adoption of Board Policy 5013. Bev Buhrman will forward this motion to the president and vice presidents. The Senate also made a request to send a separate letter to the administration expressing concern about the lack of communication regarding this issue. Professional staff as a group were not notified of this proposed policy. The Professional Staff Senate was also not informed.
5. Miscellaneous: Several professional staff attended the Legislative Forum held on campus recently. The tornado drill planned for next week was discussed.

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2008 in the Student Center Bluestem Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Brummels for
Kevin Halle, Professional Staff Senate
Secretary